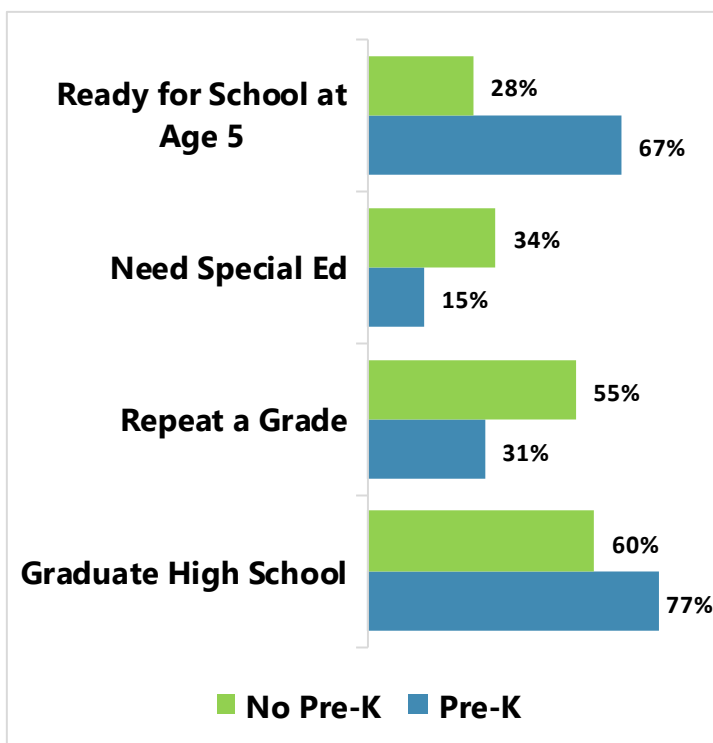


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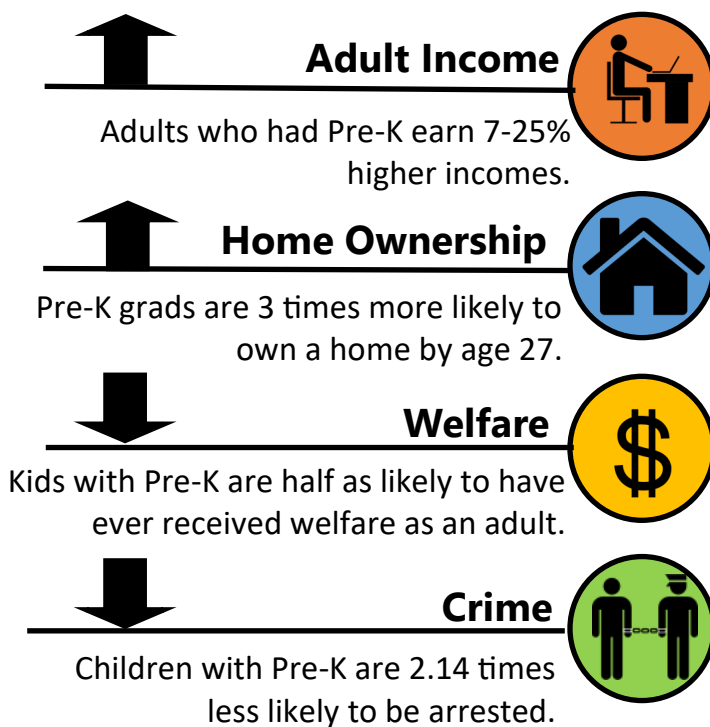
## *The Power of Preschool*

Why has Washington committed to expanding our nationally respected Pre-K program? Because decades of research, including our own Washington State Institute for Public Policy, has shown that it closes race and income gaps, reduces costs in K-12, and puts children on the path to becoming healthy and self-sufficient adults that can strengthen our economy.

### SHORT-TERM Benefits



### LONG TERM Benefits



### ***2017-19 ECEAP Expansion***

High Quality Pre-K is Washington's best strategy for better school and life outcomes. To ensure our neediest families aren't left behind, we need three things this year:

- ◆ Funding for **2708 new children** in full & extended day classrooms
- ◆ **16.7% increase in the per-child rate** so programs can recruit and retain staff and meet high quality standards
- ◆ **\$26 million for a facilities bond fund** to enable programs to expand and reach more children.

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